Junior Landcare Expo
An exciting and busy term has come to an end. It is time for a well-earned break for staff and students. I wish all families a safe and enjoyable holiday period and look forward to seeing refreshed and effective learners returning to school on Monday, 9 October.

Interschool Athletics Carnival

Thank you to Mrs Whitely, Mrs Warrener and Miss Fulker for their organisation and supervision of our awesome interschool athletic team last Friday at Yanchep. Our athletes demonstrated outstanding behaviour and effort throughout the day. They represented themselves, family and school proud. Competing against larger schools, our student’s efforts were commendable. Special congratulations to Karina Venn who was the Year 6 Runner up Champion Girl for her terrific performances over the carnival. Thank you to the many parents that also came along and supported our athletes, it was wonderful support.

Language 2018

As indicated in the last newsletter the school will be required to introduce a language from 2018. In making the decision which language our students will learn, I am seeking feedback from the community as to the preference of the language that is introduced. French, German, Italian, Japanese and Indonesian are the six authorised languages that the authority has provided syllabuses for schools. Aboriginal languages are also approved by the authority. Once a decision has been made on the language for Bindoon students, we will then be able to make decisions as how best to facilitate the teaching of the language at our school. I ask parents to take part in this consultative process by providing feedback to the school on a preferred language to be taught to our students from 2018.

School Development Day

The last day for the term is Thursday, 21 September for students. On Friday, staff will be involved in professional development and school planning. We are coming into a new Business Plan cycle that will outline our vision, performance targets and strategies for 2018-2020. Staff and the School Board have been introduced to the template that we will be using to develop our own Business Plan. This work will continue on through term 4 and result in our Business Plan being endorsed and published in term 1 2018. I will be inviting the community to have their say on our school vision. The vision will be an aspirational description of what our school would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term and long-term future. It is intended to serve as a clear guide to teaching and learning at Bindoon Primary School. I will be offering this collaboration with the community in term 4.

Positive Behaviour Support

Staff and some members of the school board will be attending an awareness session on the evidence based behaviour management program, Positive Behaviour Support, at our school development day on Friday. This will be a new program being implemented at our school from 2018. The program is a consultative whole school community process aimed at improving whole school language, consistency and instructional practices that improve academic and behaviour outcomes of students. As the PBS journey commences we will be engaging the community in collaborative processes to build the program from the ground up to ensure community understanding and partnership.

Don’t forget!

A reminder we are on Facebook @bindoonps. This is another forum for the community to hear about the exciting events and great things our kids do at school. Like our page!

Have a great break everyone. I look forward to seeing everyone return refreshed and ready for an even more exciting final term for 2017.

Glen Bewick
Principal

SUSTAINABILITY

Congratulations Bindoon Primary. Our special ‘Nude Food’ day on Wednesday 21st September was a huge success.

To reduce their contributions to landfill students were encouraged to bring a lunch that produces no waste that goes to landfill. We calculated how much rubbish was in lunch boxes in each class. The number was so low in many classes we had to calculate pro rata. It was down to 0.6/0.7 pieces of rubbish per child in the best classes.

As it was so close we are awarding the best 3 classes year 4,5,6 with an ice cream cone after lunch today.

It was wonderful to find out that many of these students packed their own lunches too!

Cindy Bin Omar
Sustainability Coordinator
**SCIENCE NEWS**

At the beginning of the term the year one, two and three classes buried some rubbish in the veggie garden including paper, lettuce, newspaper, cardboard, fabric, alfoil, plastic bags, glass, a plastic bottle and an aluminium can to answer the question; what happens to rubbish when you bury it? Last week they dug up the rubbish and this is what we discovered:

The glass was still there because it takes one and a half million years to be gone - Katie

The lettuce, newspaper, cardboard and paper disappeared. The long word for it is ..... Biodegradable. The can, the glass, the plastic bag and the plastic bottle were still there because they take a long time to disappear - Pippa

The newspaper, lettuce, cardboard and paper were all biodegradable because they are all natural. The plastic bag, plastic bottle and the glass were not biodegradable because they are man made. The newspaper took 1.5 months to break down. The cardboard took 2 months to break down. The tin can will take 50 years to break down. The plastic bag will take 200-1000 years and the plastic bottle will take 450 years to break down. The glass will take 1 ½ million years and the aluminium can will take 200-500 years to break down - Allegra

The lettuce, paper, cardboard and newspaper which are all natural things or made from natural things surprisingly broke down extremely fast whilst man made things lasted the term. Tin cans, plastic bottles/bags, glass and other man made things won’t biodegrade until hundreds and millions of years - Lewis

This week the children got to do some recycling by making paper. A big thank you to Nahrel Dallywater for coming in and helping the children.

Thank you
Deb Donaldson

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**P&C NEWS**

We had a fantastic busy term with an army of helpers over many events. I would like to thank you all for your efforts – you all know who you are! The Father’s Day stall was enjoyed by many and raised $122, Taste of Chittering was the busiest one yet with approx. 5000 in attendance giving us a profit of $2,035. Had a lot of great feedback about the quality of the meat from local butcher too! We all enjoyed a great lunch at the Athletics carnival along with teas/coffees and cakes, thanks again to all of our helpers.

I am pleased to announce that our committee is now complete after some shuffling with Tamieka Preston stepping into the Treasurer role, Sue Penfold as Vice President and Mylene Wiltshire as an Executive Committee member, this shows great team spirit and look forward to continue working with them for the remainder of the year.

A new and improved Summer Menu at the canteen has been included with this newsletter. If you are able to volunteer in the canteen please contact Lorraine on 0402452405.

Term 4 will also host a Melbourne Cup Luncheon for the parents (details will go out at start of term) and our Lap-A-Thon details below.

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**P & C**
**Lap-A-Thon, 2017**

We will be having a Lap-A-Thon on Thursday 19th October, 2017.

Get as many sponsors as you can, as the class that raises the most money will be awarded a BIG surprise.

All children that participate in the Lap-A-Thon and return their sponsor monies by the due date will be eligible for some Great Prizes.

Please see the attached sponsor form.

All sponsorship monies are to be returned to school by Friday 3rd November, 2017.

More information will be sent out early next Term. Please bring Envelopes back on Thursday 19th October, 2017.

Parents and Caregivers are more than welcome to come down and join in on a great day.

All profits from the Lap-a-thon will go towards the School’s Wish List.

We look forward to seeing you all there 😊

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We Thank you for Supporting our Fundraiser
Email: bindoompc@gmail.com
ABN: 34 751 600 274
Is your son or daughter keen to play cricket this summer? Bindoon Cricket Club is taking registrations now. Please REGISTER your child online if they intend to play cricket in any of the following formats - Milo In2Cricket, T20 Blast or Junior U/14's. Go to playcricket.com.au. You just need to add 6502 (postcode) or Bindoon in the club finder search, click on "Bindoon Cricket Club" and register in the format best suited to age/experience. More information can be found on the registration page.

It is only a few weeks until the Bindoon and Districts Agricultural Show on 14th October - the first Saturday after school holidays. There will be loads to see and do from 10am to 9pm with the fireworks at 8pm. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website for updates on our program for entertainment, rides and more.

Entry is $5 for adults and a gold coin for kids and you'll get bang for your buck. Eco-Faeries, Junkadelic brass band, Pirateman Michael, free activities and inflatables to bounce the day away, show rides for all ages and more.

Looking for something to do with the kids on the rainy holidays ahead? Check out the Junior Section of our Show Schedule under Entry Forms at www.bindoonshow.com. There are loads of ideas for art and crafts, drawing and printing, photography, needlework and more. Each entry is just 50 cents. All entries are exhibited and the kids love seeing their handy work on display. There's also a family pass to the Maze to be won. The Barnyard Rooster competition is another one to consider entering. For any queries phone 0457103033 or email enquiry@bindoonshow.com

Kids could also practise their act for the Talent Show. Entry is only $5 and all entrants receive a ribbon and certificate. There are also great prizes up for grabs. To enter contact Neva Harris on 0439672750.

Nahrel Dallywater
President, Bindoon and Districts Agricultural Society Inc

Order forms have been sent home with choir members today and spare copies at the office.